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Applicants will be required to produce Passports or identification papers. All persons, with certain exceptions, who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to Register themselves under the REGISTRATION of PERSONS ORDINANCE 1912. Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G.P.O., and at all Police Stations.

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TOTAL FUNDS AT SIXT DECEMBER, 1912.
\$23,970,367

Authorised Capital \$6,000,000
Subscribed Capital \$4,500,000
Paid-up Capital \$2,457,500
Fire Funds..... \$3,837,047
Life & Annuity Funds..... 17,587,590
Sinking Fund Account..... 123,230

\$23,970,367

Revenue Fire Branch..... \$2,381,468
Life and Annuity Branches..... 2,141,598

Revenue Marine Department..... 337,259

Other Receipts..... 478,946

\$5,329,228

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested, and, by Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's Business.

SHewan, Tomes & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, April 11, 1913.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY LIMITED

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAY

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
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NIGHT CARS

7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

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Hongkong, Jan. 10, 1918.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHERSON & COMPANY, Limited, on TUESDAY, 29th January, 1918, at 11.45 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY 19th to TUESDAY, 29th January, 1918 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOVER,
Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
General Agents for the
WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1918.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL
ESTATE LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHERSON & COMPANY, Limited, on TUESDAY, 29th January, 1918, at 11.45 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
THE HONGKONG CENTRAL
ESTATE LIMITED.
A. SHELTON HOOVER,
Secretary to
The General Managers.

Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1918.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHERSON & COMPANY, Limited, on TUESDAY, 29th January, 1918, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY 19th to TUESDAY, 29th January, 1918 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOVER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1918.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHERSON & COMPANY, Limited, on TUESDAY, 29th January, 1918, at 12.15 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY 19th to TUESDAY, 29th January, 1918 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
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Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1918.

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KOWLOON	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
No. 1 Dock, Kowloon	240	240	240	240	240
No. 2 Dock, Kowloon	240	240	240	240	240
Patrol Slip, No. 1, Kowloon	240	240	240	240	240
Patrol Slip, No. 2, Kowloon	240	240	240	240	240
TAIKOKEI	1670	1670	1670	1670	1670
Constitution Dock	1670	1670	1670	1670	1670
ARMAMENT	1670	1670	1670	1670	1670
Hoppe Dock	1670	1670	1670	1670	1670
Laundress Dock	1670	1670	1670	1670	1670

J. H. DYER, B.Sc., MILITARY DOCK, HONGKONG.

Actions, Features of the Chief Masts.

The Man Who Gets There
He aims at a general peace, on the principles, disagreeable enough for Germany, of no annexations, no indemnities, and the self-delusion of nations. He will probably put forward some such proposal, and it will only be if the Allies refuse to endorse his principles and the Central Powers do that it is to say, consent to evacuate all the foreign territories they have occupied since the beginning of the war.

That Lenin is a pacifist is true, but there is no evidence to show that he desires a separate peace, and he himself has passionately desired the change in the Soviet. He holds that the war was made by "crowned vampires" capitalists and middle-class people, and that these people are equally bad in all countries.

He considers that these people are equally bad in all countries. His chief quarrel with Germany was that both Revolutions insisted on

the formation of a Coalition Government.

Lenin's chief desire is now to bring about a peace with the Entente.

He is working closely with the Bolsheviks and the Comintern, and the upper and middle classes are good and the triumph of the common people.

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as she now lies stranded on the East
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now lies, with her Engines, Boilers,
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equipment as may be on board;
(but no Cargo is to be considered in
the Tender).

(2) The vessel is now guarded by the
French authorities.

(3) All Tenders should reach the Office
of the Undersigned on or before
Noon, SATURDAY, the 9th Febr.
ary, 1918.

(4) A Deposit must accompany each
Tender, the amount of which may
be learned at this Office, and Deposit
will be returned in case of non-
acceptance of Tender.

(5) The Vendees do not bind themselves
to accept the highest or any Tender.
Further particulars regarding the
conditions of sale, and a list of
fittings and fixtures to be sold with
the ship, can be obtained on applica-
tion from the Undersigned.

For and on account of the Concerned
HUGHES & HOUGH.

Hongkong, Jan. 9, 1918.

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W. CHATHAM,
Director of Public Works,
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, Jan. 15, 1918.

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THE CALENDAR.

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19.—

9 p.m.—Court Cards at the Theatre
MONDAY, JAN. 22.—

4.30 p.m.—Meeting of Members of St. George's Society.

TUESDAY, JAN. 23.—

Company Meetings:
11.30 a.m.—West Point Building Co.

11.45—Hongkong Central Estate Ltd.

12 noon—Hongkong Land Investment Co.

12.15 p.m.—Hongkong Land Reclamation Co.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 6.—

Prize-giving at Queen's College.

THURSDAY, Feb. 11.—

Chinese New Year.

MONDAY, Feb. 22.—

Hongkong Jockey Club Races.

TUESDAY, Feb. 23.—

Second day of Races.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 24.—

Third day of Races.

THE CHINA MAIL

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purpose until it is achieved." Strongly themed by such an assurance and the great aid that it imports, the impending struggle can be regarded with every confidence that if the battles of 1917, to use Sir DOUGLAS HAIG's words, brought the destruction of the enemy's forces appreciably nearer, the Spring of 1918 will bring that result nearer still.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

H. E. The Governor is to distribute the Prizes at the Queen's College annual prize giving on February 6th.

There is considerable delay (at present about 72 hours) on telegrams to and via the United States by the direct route.

Sir Charles Eliot will resume his lectures on Chinese History this evening at 5.30 p.m. in the old Common Room opposite Lecture Room "A."

Mr. R. J. Wilton informs us that the amount received by the War Charity Fund is about £1,000 which has been paid into the War Charity Funds.

Three fatal Chinese cases of diphtheria were reported in the Colony last week. There were also two cases of typhoid fever under treatment, one being a British case and the other Japanese.

The "Stunts," who made such a hit at the Club Lusitano recently, have been invited to give a special performance at Macao on Saturday the 26th instant. The performance will be given under the patronage of Madame Matos, wife of H. E. The Governor.

A fire at the Masonic Hall, on the Bund, Shanghai, last Wednesday afternoon caused damage estimated at Ta. 10,000. The damage by fire was almost entirely confined to the top floor, used as a godown and as living quarters for the custodian. It is believed to have been caused by the heating pipes. The damage is covered by insurance.

The wife of a caretaker of the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel at West Point reports that while she was sitting in the servants' quarters alone last night, three men forced open the door and entered her room. They demanded whether her husband was in, and receiving a reply in the negative asked her to lend them a pen to write a note to him. As she got up to comply with their desire, the men fell on her, and having gagged and bound her, proceeded to ransack the place, stealing money and clothing to the value of \$21. The robbers made good their escape.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

HON. MR. H. E. POLLOCK
RE-ELECTED.

The re-election of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., as the representative of the Justice of the Peace on the Legislative Council is not being contested, and Mr. Pollock will therefore be re-elected for another term of three years. Mr. Pollock has had a seat on the Council since January 1906, and the absence of any opposition to his re-election may well be taken as a tribute of appreciation of the services he has rendered the community on the Council during the past eleven years.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE
ASSOCIATION.

HOME NURSING EXAMINATION.

At an examination in Home Nursing held recently the following were successful:

Miss W. Wilkinson—Awarded Nursing Pendant (2nd Nursing Examination).

Mrs. Eva G. Davidson

Miss Millicent Hastings

Mrs. Annie M. Hayward

Miss Grace L. Main

Mrs. Alice Pierpoint.

The candidates were instructed by Mrs. Tisdall, who acted as Honorary Lecturer. Dr. W. V. M. Hodder acted as Honorary Examiner.

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CHINESE AFFAIRS.

["Chinese Mail" Service.]

NO WAR MANDATE.

PEKING, Jan. 14.

It has been finally decided that no mandate declaring war shall be issued, all disturbances of the peace notwithstanding.

The Premier, on behalf of the President, has telegraphed to this effect to the Tatars who favour war.

THE LATE PRESIDENT.

PEKING, Jan. 14.

Reports are current that Li Yuan Hung is about to leave Tientsin for the South.

The President has sent a representative to request Li Yuan Hung to come to Peking. In case the delegate fails to induce him to come, to Peking measures will probably be taken to stop his going South.

The whole situation seems a struggle for power between the northern leaders, the South West affair being an excuse.

The debtor was discharged.

RE THE KUNG WO SHING FIRM.

The Official Receiver said this was an application for adjudication.

The first meeting of creditors decided to adjudicate the debtor bankrupt and that Mr. Liang Ut Chi should be appointed trustee.

The application was granted.

RE CHAN SUI SANG.

The Official Receiver said this was an application for the hearing of the petition.

Mr. W. B. Hind said he would ask for the hearing to be adjourned until the next sitting of the Bankruptcy Court, to complete the examination of the debtor's affairs.

The Official Receiver said he had no objection and the hearing was accordingly adjourned.

RE THE TUNG FAT FIRM.

The Official Receiver said this was an application for adjudication. At the first meeting of creditors it was unanimously decided that the debtor should be adjudicated bankrupt and that the Official Receiver be appointed trustee. He would ask for an order on those terms.

The order was granted.

RE THE ESTATE OF LIU KAM.

ALIAS LIU YUEN TONG.

This was an application for hearing the petition.

Mr. E. J. Grist said he appeared on behalf of the petitioning creditors and he would ask His Lordship to adjourn the matter into Chambers and for the Official Receiver to fix a time.

It was a petition to wind up the estate of a deceased person in bankruptcy and he would like to give the Official Receiver a list of the creditors and a list of the assets.

His Lordship granted the request.

RE YEUNG YAT CHI.

The Official Receiver said this was an application for the annulment of adjudication. The debtor was adjudicated bankrupt in July 1917 and the Official Receiver was appointed trustee. Since that date no assets had been disclosed. There were several assets claimed on contracts but it was found that those contracts were verbal and could not be acted upon.

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AN UNREMEDIED GRIEVANCE.

During the debate on the Military Service Bill in the Legislative Council last August, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell drew the attention of the authorities to frequent instances of waste of time which he and others had experienced on the ranges when firing their rifles.

The authorities do not seem to have done anything to remedy this. Yesterday afternoon, for instance, several men who had fired a preliminary test at the Kennedy Road range last Friday, and had been instructed to attend King's Park range yesterday, were sent away because they had not received marksmanship instruction. That is to say, these men had to leave their work in time to catch the four o'clock ferry to enable them to be at the range at 4.30, only to find that an hour, and in some cases more, of their time had been wasted. This is by no means an isolated case.

We do not for a moment question the propriety of not allowing these men to fire if they were not eligible to do so, but it seems to us that those responsible ought to be in a position to issue the instructions in the orders published in the Press and not have to wait until a man gets on the range before telling him he is not wanted.

The application was granted.

LOCAL MILITARY SERVICE.

On Oct 26th the Australian transcontinental line was opened for traffic, halving the journey from the Pacific to the Indian Ocean.

The "East-West Transcontinental" commences at Port Augusta, in South Australia, and runs 1,033 miles to the "golden mile" of Kalgoorlie, where it joins the existing Western system. It traverses almost uninhabited country, from the beginning to the end it encounters not a single town.

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COAST TAX PAYMENTS £6,000,000.

The project has been carried out by Australian Government engineers, and has cost the taxpayers £6,000,000, and has been filed but there was not yet sufficient proof. He therefore asked for an adjournment for further enquiry to be made.

The application was granted.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER.

IT is fitting to recall medicine for the present year in mind that Chameau's Cough Remedy is the best for colds, cough and whooping cough and that contains no harmful drugs. For sale in Chemists and druggists.

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For the convenience of members, it is stated that the parade ordered for Thursday, January 17th, will disperse on the Praça, opposite Queen's Statue Square.

By Order,

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A.S.P. G. and Adjunct.

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TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

HOW PEROGRAD IS SUPPLIED WITH FOOD.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 14.

The unoccupied soldiers of Petrograd are going backwards and forwards to the provinces foraging meat, flour and butter which they sell in Petrograd at exorbitant prices. The soldiers take possession of the railway carriages, hanging on to the steps and lying on the roofs of the carriages. There have been many fatal accidents and also deaths from cold. It has become almost impossible for ordinary passengers to travel. They sometimes wait for days and nights at the stations.

ALL NATIONAL LOANS TO BE CANCELLED.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 14.

The Superior Council of National Property has drafted a decree cancelling all national loans issued by the Imperial and Bourgeois Governments.

All domestic loans, of which stock is held by foreigners, are cancelled unreservedly, and only short term loans of the National Treasury are considered valid.

THE CONVOY DISASTER.

FINDING OF THE COURT OF ENQUIRY.

LONDON, Jan. 14.

In the House of Commons Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, stated that the Admiralty had confirmed the finding of the Court of Enquiry that "the escorting vessels did their best to protect the Scandinavian Convoy, when only British and five neutral ships, totalling 8,000 tons, and also a British destroyer and four armed trawlers were sunk, on December 17."

The escort fought in a proper and seamstress-like manner and the covering force took all possible steps to come to their assistance and to prevent the escape of the enemy.

The Admiralty Board was of the opinion that the circumstances preventing the covering force arriving in time could not have been prevented and that Admiral Sir David Beatty's dispositions were the best possible, with the available forces.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

SUCCESSFUL RAID BY CANADIANS.

LONDON, Jan. 14.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

The Canadians, last night, successfully carried out a raid, to the north of Lens, and brought back some prisoners.

There were patrol encounters to the east of Mericourt which resulted favourably to us.

ENEMY ATTACK DISPERSED BY FRENCH GUNS.

LONDON, Jan. 14.

A French communiqué states: Our accurate fire dispersed enemy detachments trying to reach our lines on the sector at Goos Hill, on the left of the Meuse.

NAVAL AIRCRAFT BOMB A GERMAN AMMUNITION DUMP.

LONDON, Jan. 14.

The Admiralty announces that yesterday afternoon, naval aircraft bombed a dump at Engel.

Bursts were observed among the sheds and a direct hit, followed by a cloud of smoke, was reported.

Our machines returned.

FINE CHINA TEA IDLE.

LONDON, Jan. 14.

A firm of wholesale tea merchants states that 1,000,000 pounds of fine China tea are at present idle, in the dealers' hands, which, owing to the reduction in the retail price, can only be sold at considerable loss. The merchants suggest that this tea should be used to relieve the pressure on cheaper sorts of tea.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Jan. 14.

The death is announced of Dr. Montagu Butler, M.A., C.I.E. (Dr. Butler was joint Secretary of the Royal Commission on the Public Services and formerly Deputy Commissioner of Labour).

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCES IN BERLIN.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 14.

The Berlin Press says that important conferences between the High Command and politicians were inaugurated on the 13th inst., when the Kaiser received the Crown Prince, Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General von Ludendorff, who conferred with numerous political leaders. There was also a most important discussion between the High Command and Count Hertling (the Chancellor) on the 13th. These conferences will form the basis of a discussion with the Kaiser to-day.

Count Hertling speaks on Prussian domestic policy on Tuesday and replies to the Entente statement on Wednesday.

THE ACUTE DIFFERENCES IN GERMANY.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 14.

Two Munich papers, commenting on President Wilson's speech, declare that he has cleverly seized on the acute differences prevailing in Germany on the question of peace in order to shake confidence in her policy. The state of insatiable confusion in the direction of the policy must be ended. Count Hertling must immediately reply to President Wilson and prove to him that Germany does not resemble a South American State, where policy is announced through military pronouncements.

RUSSIA AND THE WAR.

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION FINISHED.

LONDON, Jan. 14.

The Daily Chronicle, Stockholm Correspondents—Sir George Buchanan (British Ambassador to Petrograd) has arrived.

Interviewed, he said he did not believe there could be any immediate change in Russian politics, as no other party would be able to turn out the Bolsheviks. He said that M. Trotzky's propaganda in the German armies had had a certain success, but he was of the opinion that Russia's participation in the war had finished.

BOLSHEVIK OUTRAGES.

60 RUSSIAN OFFICERS BUTCHERED.

LONDON, Jan. 14.

The Times Correspondent at Odessa reports that Bolshevik sailors, for two days, butchered naval officers at Sebastopol, killing 60, including four Admirals and one General.

In consequence of the outrages Admiral Horowitz, commanding the Black Sea Fleet, has resigned.

A mob, chiefly composed of soldiers, looted and burned the town of Kilia during Christmas.

TURKS BREAK THE ARMISTICE.

LONDON, Jan. 14.

The Daily News Petrograd Correspondent states the Turks have broken the Armistice by landing 20,000 troops between Trabzon and Rize and a submarine sank a Russian transport.

GERMAN COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS AT KIEFF.

LONDON, Jan. 14.

Twenty German commercial travellers have arrived at Kieff.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

ENEMY BILLOTS BOMBED.

LONDON, Jan. 14.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

We repulsed an attempted raid eastward of Monchy.

Our aeroplanes, on Saturday, bombed enemy billets and huts and fired several thousand rounds into their trenches.

Two of our machines are missing.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS AT MILAN.

MILAN, Jan. 14.

Two earthquake shocks, the first experienced for years, were felt here on Sunday.

There was no damage.

MR. HUGHES NOT GOING TO ENGLAND.

MELBOURNE, Jan. 14.

Mr. Cook declares that the report that Mr. Hughes is going to England is baseless.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Jan. 14.

The Silver Market is steady.

INDIAN ARMY.

UNPRECEDENTED RECRUITING.

Allahabad, Dec. 6th.—It is understood the recruiting for the Indian Army is proceeding on an unprecedented scale. The number of combatants enlisted during the four months ending with October, the corresponding period of the past year, the Punjab, was 40,000 men. The recruitment of the army of recruiting has been attended with great difficulty, the most noteworthy being the bombing of the recruiting areas in Madras and Bombay, hitherto only lightly recruited from the practical re-creation of combatant recruiting areas in Bengal, Burma and Bihar. In addition to combatants, nearly 50,000 men for the non-combatant ranks were recruited during the four months.

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THE HALIFAX CALAMITY.

HOW THE DISASTER OCCURRED.

We take the following account from a New York paper:

The explosion happened in the Narrows, leading from the harbour to Bedford Basin, the north-west arm of the harbour. The *Mont Blanc*, was bound in from New York with a cargo of American munitions for the Allies and a deck load of benzine. She was proceeding to the examining station near Rockingham, on the north-western shore of Bedford Basin.

The Belgian relief steamer *Ioma*, of which there is no available record in various registers, had just passed through examination by the British authorities and was bound out to sea.

BLAST FOLLOWS FIRE ON MENTIONED VESSEL.

The pilot of the *Mont Blanc* has stated that the collision was due to misunderstanding of signals. The storm also was at its height, and the *Ioma* rammed the *Mont Blanc* near pier No. 8 at the entrance to Bedford Basin and opposite the northern end of the city of Halifax, known as the Richmond section.

The bow of the *Ioma* penetrated the fireroom of the *Mont Blanc* and broke open barrels of benzine on the deck. The benzine caught fire, and it was apparent almost instantly that the munitions ship would blow up with a devastating crack. Seventeen minutes later, when the munitions had got their terrible force, nothing visible was left of either vessel and it seemed that the universe had been shaken and shattered by the blow.

The Belgian relief vessel hit the munitions vessel amidships, driving a hole into her boiler-room and probably causing over the boiler. In any event, the crew of the *Mont Blanc* had time to lower the lifeboats and to get away from the drifting and damaged vessel.

Flames were seen to belch from the hole in the munition carrier's side. Men on the piers were running to get fire apparatus and several tugs started towards the vessel.

Then came the blast that was heard more than a hundred miles away, the jar of which crippled electric installations in all telephone, telegraph and cable stations within a radius of thirty miles, and prevented Halifax, in her hour of need, from summoning aid. All wireless stations were disabled by the blast, and while Halifax was telling her fate and the shock and knew that something mighty and probably dreadful had happened, to Halifax, a storehouse of explosives for the Allies. Failing to get the wires to re-establish communication, the outside world was trying every possible means to communicate with Halifax to learn what had happened and to know if relief was desired.

DEAD MAY REACH TWO THOUSAND.

Aided by the soldiers of the garrison and by numerous civilian

firemen, the fire was under control early that night, and rescue parties were going through the ruins to find the injured and remove the dead. As they progressed the extent of the holocaust increased.

First estimates had been three hundred dead. Each hour caused the authorities to add to that figure. At eight o'clock they said there was one thousand dead. An hour later they expressed the fear that two thousand persons had been killed.

There were numerous instances of where persons had been killed, literally "by wholesale." That was true in several institutions where the walls collapsed. From one building the soldiers loaded the bodies of twenty-five dead into one wagon and started with them for the morgue.

Scores of wagons were going through streets that could be passed, equipped with litters, and each vehicle had its crew of searchers, who went through the ruins and found the bodies. In many places living persons, pinned down for many hours by fallen timber, were found and removed to the hospitals.

Wagons laden with the dead, the dead now numbering 200, were arriving at a score of improvised morgues. Most of the undamaged buildings had been converted into hospitals and relief stations for the homeless. As they progressed with the bodies, the numbers increased.

The steamship *Mont Blanc*, a name never to be forgotten here, lies across the stretch of water from the section it had left, a crumpled, blackened heap. Near by, hard on the beach where it was driven by the explosion, lies the Canadian cruiser *Nootka*, stands with no apparent sign of damage. Other smaller ship bulkers offer mute evidence of the disaster, while fourteen hundred freight cars on the water front were buried to the base.

All over this wide area the story is the same. There is a sloping hill, the slope of which is about 100 feet, and about on every side are the black and charred ruins where most of the congregation lived. Further to the edge of the devastated area another church escaped, but every window pane was ripped out clean.

ICE FREEZES OVER WRECKAGE.

It was almost impossible to make progress over the streets because of the great drifts of snow. It lay upon the wreckage, and to-night it had turned to a solid mass of ice that defied the attempts of searchers to dig through it.

How long it will take this ice to thaw nobody knows. At any other time the blizzard would have caused great suffering, but, owing to the greater shelter, it simply stilled the thousands of volunteers not personally afflicted and immobilized all efforts for concentrated searching.

There were many vessels in the harbour and most of them suffered, but at this time it is impossible to state to what extent. It is known that a crew of forty-two men on one steamer, the *Aspinwall*, were killed.

Score of bodies of men have been picked up in the harbour. The first sent many vessels over on their beams and several large ones are said to have gone down. However, they are not in exceptionally deep water and may be salvaged. Most of them

were in the military service of the Allies.

Persons injured by the explosion were found all over the city and throughout the day. Although many miles away from the scene men and women in the streets and in their homes were thrown down so violently that they suffered broken bones. The care for such injured had to wait upon the more seriously injured taken from the immediate scene of the disaster.

Pandemonium in the city followed the explosion. Hundreds of persons who were in the streets at the time were thrown to the pavement with great force, many of them being killed and others severely injured.

Most of the thousands or more dead are in the crumpled buildings, while hundreds lost their lives along the water front. Others died in the sheet of flames that ate its way forward by the atom wind, through the wreckage.

There were no treacherous vessels in the harbour at the time, but there always has been a large garrison here since the beginning of the war.

These soldiers who had not been buried in their shattered barracks quickly joined the municipal police and the firemen, who were summoned from the more fortunate sections of the city.

The military authorities assumed command of the situation and quickly saw that the fire was sweeping beyond the control of the men and apparatus at hand. Soldiers were despatched to meet the means of communication. The wireless had gone down, the cable houses were wrecked and all the telegraph and telephone lines were down.

The roadstead to Bedford Basin sweeps around the base of the hill upon which Halifax is built and nearly all the telephone wires and telegraph lines follow the railroad there. They were exposed to the full force of the shock and all were destroyed.

It was after noon before the wires were mended and the damaged installations in cities far from Halifax were repaired, when the first messages could be sent out. Before that time Tyre and Amherst had sent their fire fighting companies on special trains. They had felt the shock, knew that something terrible had happened, and, failing to get into communication with Halifax, started their relief trains.

Other relief trains were started from Moncton and Windsor, and all of them came in good time to save the principal British port in the Western Hemisphere from complete destruction. Firemen built a wall of water south of Hollis Street and kept the flames from encroaching further.

Checking them there, they entered the devastated section and fought the flames where they were fiercest.

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The work of rescue and relief was promptly organized. The Academy of Music and many other public buildings were thrown open to the homeless. Five hundred tents were erected on the common, and these are occupied by the troops who have surrendered their barracks to the women and children.

Every nook and cranny in all available buildings was made ready within an hour to receive the wounded.

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THE WAR.

AS THE GERMANS SEE IT.

The editor of the Danish newspaper "Politiken," which veritably his pro-German propensities has been visiting Berlin recently, and he has reproduced his impressions in a well-written article, which is quoted almost in full by the Berliner "Tagesschau." His picture of Berlin is certainly an interesting one, and objectively displayed. He writes—

We arrived in Berlin in the evening. The streets are half-light; scarcely any automobiles are to be seen, and all the horses in the cabs are underfed. The scarcity of automobiles is due to the shortage of India-rubber. (If one has a pair of galoshes one must take good care of them and not leave them, for instance, in a theatre cloak-room.) The sanitary illumination is due to the shortage of fuel. Theatres have to close at 10 p.m., and restaurants at 11.30 p.m. The heating of private rooms was prohibited before October 15th.

The privations which the Germans have to suffer are enough to make even a Dane reflect. If the war is going to last one year longer—and this seems very possible—we shall begin to feel these privations in Copenhagen. It will be understood that it is not easy to live when one hears that most households have to eat without butter, fat, white bread, sugar, coffee, tea, and chocolate. The meat ration is small, and on meatless days all meats are forbidden. There are still plenty of cigarettes, but the cigar shops are shut from twelve till three, and only five cigars are sold at a time.

Crowds of people are often to be seen waiting in the streets. We saw a long queue outside a confectioner's in the Friedensstrasse, and in Moabit there were hundreds of people standing patiently outside a greengrocer's, who had just received a consignment of white cabbage. Only "war beer" is sold in the big beer restaurants on the Unter den Linden, a bitter, yellow solution that brings tears to one's eyes when one thinks of the boozing Munich of former years. As is well known, the Germans are masters in "substitutes." Their coffee substitute is not bad, but the tea, made from German plants tastes like soap-water. The waitress places a little bottle of "sweet-sugar" on the coffee table, a white fluid made from saccharine and intended to replace lump sugar. French wines are still to be had: a bottle of Bordeaux costs ten shillings. Sherry also can be obtained, but no whisky, no Madeira, and no liqueurs.

The first breakfast in the hotel consists of tea-substitute, two-pieces of dry white bread (which has a pleasant taste), and a little spot of jam made without sugar, or some honey. There is no butter. Such a meal costs two shillings, and the Spartan fare looks strange in the magnificent room, with its Persian carpets, its silk curtains, and glittering chandeliers.

It cannot be said that the Berliners are satisfied with the uniformed women who are acting as conductors, messengers, etc. They say that the women are either too cautious or too strict, indeed almost approaching to hysteria. People mind the "tally" and the authority of men, and the place of women in the daily traffic of the city will only be a temporary one.

NO ENTHUSIASM FOR WAR.

In Germany, apart from the newly-founded "Fatherland Party," there is no enthusiasm at all for the war, but every-

body is agreed that all will have to clench their teeth and hold out. "Durchhalten" (hold out) is the cry; in this respect there is not a sign of wavering. Whilst the other belligerents have procured their loans in part from abroad, all the German loans have been raised at home. This is regarded as a sign of strength, for when the interests and liquidation are paid the money will remain in the country. Nor does anybody doubt the solidity of the loans.

The money will be obtained after the war partly by confiscation of capital and partly by the establishment of a number of Government monopolies. The cigarette monopoly, for instance, ought to bring in £10,000,000 a year.

These difficulties do not show on the different fronts, but at home, where high prices, stoppage of trade, and lack of provisions hamper social life. But on closer examining the future is a little brighter than at a casual glance. Those people who have to be satisfied with the things they receive on the official food-tickets are truly very badly off, but most Germans know how to help themselves by various ways and means. A farmer's wife from Mecklenburg told me with a fine smile about all her soldiers who had suddenly appeared since the outbreak of the war. In the country things are not so bad as in the towns. In the War Food Office it is asserted that the minimum has long been reached and that conditions will improve, since the conquered provinces of Romania and Russia have now been scientifically cultivated.

After the Emperor's Rescript concerning the introduction of equal franchise in Prussia, it is clear that a parliamentarization of the Government will take place. The Luxemburg affair and the bomb sensation in Christianshavn have likewise taught people various things. It is characteristic that the "Fatherland Party," which at its foundation demanded a general election, has now dropped this point. An election would certainly return an overwhelming majority for a peace without annexations, a point of view that the Government has accepted in principle.

The Reichstag majority is not yet welded together, but it will be fine day. New, progressive, and peace-loving leaders will seize the reins and bring about a peace of reconciliation.

When peace comes the grateful Fatherland will erect a monument to Hindenburg on the Unter den Linden. But there is one who deserves a bigger monument than he—the German housewife. Patient, uncomplaining, she has borne more than anybody else of the burdens of the war. She is pale, she suffers cold and hunger, but she is holding out. The strongest impression which I bring back from my short journey is the memory of this suffering but yet so energetic face!

REBUILDING SOLDIERS' FACES.

A well-known English sculptor, who felt the call to his bit, but who was well past military age, joined the Royal Army Medical Corps some time ago. In a few days he was drafted into the wards to plaster casts of damaged limbs, and in the course of his work he saw the saddest sights of the war—the men with mutilated faces.

These so affected him that he went to his colonel and said: "Let me see what I can do for these poor fellows." Consent was gladly given. His skill as a sculptor stood him in good stead here. By means of masks of thin copper, tinted to resemble flesh, he has wrought marvellous transformations in the facial appearance of horribly disfigured men.

One case among many in which happiness was made to dispel despair was that of a trooper whose face had been carried away almost entirely, and his left cheek torn open from his ear to his mouth. Before the war he was a taxi-driver, and now made presentable by the wonderful facial mask that the sculptor lieutenant contrived for him—a mask consisting of false nose, cheek, and moustache—he is playing his old trade and prospering.

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HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS

Orders for Artillery Company by Capt. J. H. H. Armstrong, V.D.

PARADES.

THURSDAY, 11th instant.—

7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company, Layers and Setters' Class only.

8.15 p.m.—Left Half Company, Layers and Setters' Class only.

FRIDAY, 12th instant.

7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company, Full Parade.

8.15 p.m.—Left Half Company, Full Parade.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell.

12th to 18th instant—

B. I., Manning nightly at Belcher's and Egmont, Parades as per Rotations posted at Headquarters.—Engine drivers at 5.45 p.m.; Electricians at 6 p.m.

OFFICERS AWAY FOR DUTY.

Belcher's—2nd Lieut. Brown.

Egmont—2nd Lieut. Hill.

Stonewallers—Lieut. Stevenson.

Engineering Tax Inspector.

Class for higher ratings at Belcher's at 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, under Staff-Sergeant, Overman, and Parsons, R.E., Corp. Day and 2nd Corporal, Morris, H.K.D.C.

EXAMINATION FOR HIGHER RATINGS.

Will be held in the 3rd week of January at Belcher's and the 4th week of January at Egmont. Exact dates will be notified later.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES.

"A" Company.

Wednesday, 16th instant—

4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 5, 6, 7 and 12, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches.

5.15 p.m.—No. 5 Platoon at Headquarters. Musketry instruction.—Dress, drill order with pouches.

Thursday, 17th instant—

4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 8 and 9, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Friday, 18th instant—

4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 10 and 11, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches.

"B" Company.

Wednesday, 16th instant—

4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 5, 6, 7 and 12, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches.

5.15 p.m.—No. 5 Platoon at Headquarters. Musketry instruction.—Dress, drill order with pouches.

Thursday, 17th instant—

4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 8 and 9, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Friday, 18th instant—

4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 10 and 11, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Saturday, 19th instant—

4.30 p.m.—Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 5, 6, 7 and 12, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Sunday, 20th instant—

8 a.m.—No. 8 Platoon (Howitzer Dock Sections, as detailed by C. S. M. Rattey), at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 15, 16, 17 and 18. Dress, drill order with pouches.

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Wednesday, 16th instant—

5.15 p.m.—Men detailed below at Headquarters—Ptes. Harper, Jack, Hind, Legan, Yekkens, Pinget, Todd, F. C. Field, and Stapleton.

Thursday, 17th instant—

5.15 p.m.—No. 4 Gun at Headquarters.

Friday, 18th instant—

5.15 p.m.—No. 5 Gun at Headquarters. YOUNG SECTION.

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MOVING SECTION.

Wednesday, 16th instant and Friday, 18th instant—

8 a.m.—At Headquarters. Musketry instruction.—Dress, drill order with pouches. Horse, Drills and Bands, and Bands.

Friday, 18th instant—

6.15 p.m.—Nos. 3 and 4 Sections, on Murray Parade Ground, Musketry instruction.—Dress, drill order with pouches. Sergeant Oberley and Corp. Grimes will attend.

DETAIL.

On duty 23rd to 29th instant inclusive.

B. " Company—23rd instant. Mounted Section; 24th instant and 1st February.

Musket Gun Company; 2nd to 6th February inclusive.

"A" Company—Orderly Officer from 18th to 19th inst., Lieut. Rees; 20th to 26th, Lieut. Wright.

Administrative Order by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

Communication Drill and Lectures.

The hour for Communication Drill and Lectures will in future be 6 p.m. instead of 6.30 p.m.

LECTURES.

Reference Administrative Order No. 19 (O) dated 11.1.18. The dates of lectures will be as follows and not as there stated:

January 18th, Field Service Regulations.

January 25th, Military Law.

February 1st, Map Reading and Field Sketching.

February 8th, Military Engineering.

February 15th, Military Law.

February 22nd, Field Service Regulations.

March 1st, Map Reading and Field Sketching.

March 8th, Military Engineering.

15th Military Law.

22nd Field Service Regulations.

29th Military Engineering.

PALMER OFFICERS.

The following will parade at Lyceum Range at 3 p.m. on 19th inst. to fire practices 3 and 4 of Revolver Course, preceded by 2.15 p.m. from Causeway Bay.

Captains Armstrong, Murray Scott, Stewart, Wolfe, Harston, Preston, Lieuts Dandy, Evans-Jones, Stevenson, Balcon, 2nd Lieuts. Brown, Templeton, Hill Matthewman, Marley.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

All applications for the issue, renewal or exchange of articles of uniform or equipment (except the issue to members on enrolment) must be made to the Equipment Board by each member in person, at one of the appointed times as notified in orders. Each application must be made on the proper printed form, which must be filled up and signed by the applicant and countersigned by the Officer Commanding the applicant's platoon.

The Equipment Board is constituted as follows: Major D. Macdonald, V.D., President; Major G. H. Wakeman, and Captain G. G. Wood, Members; Lieut. and Quartermaster W. Higby, Secretary.

G. E. STEWART, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.D.C.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS.

The following Table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of Jan., 1918:

Date. Ends Begins.

Jan. 15th. 6.31 a.m. 6.12 p.m.

19th. 6.31 " 6.12 "

23rd. 6.31 " 6.13 "

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